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1. FSE DIRECTOR RAICHT AND MISSION OFFICER RAISED POINTS OUTLINED REFTTEL CONCERNING LTEA PUBLICATION DATE WITH IEA DIRECTOR LANTZKE OCTOBER 14. LANTZKE SAID HE UNDERSTOOD REASONING BEHIND U.S. POSITION AND DID NOT OBJECT TO A DELAY IN PUBLICATION UNTIL JANUARY, ALTHOUGH HE PERSONALLY CONTINUED PREFER PUBLICATION IN NOVEMBER AS ORIGINALLY PROJECTED. LANTZKE SAID HE WOULD HANDLE POSSIBLE PRESS INQUIRIES RE REASONS FOR DELAY BY SAYING IEA WAS HOLDING ENERGY WORKSHOP WITH ACADEMIC AND INDUSTRY EXPERTS ON NOVEMBER 15-19, AND AGENCY FELT IT BEST ALLOW TIME FOR REVIEW OF WORKSHOP'S CONCLUSIONS BEFORE PUBLIC RELEASE OF LTEA DOCUMENT.

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2. LANTZKE AGREED THAT QUANTITATIVE SECTIONS OF 1990 AND 1995 CHAPTER WERE POTENTIALLY THE MOST DAMAGING VIS-A-VIS OPEC, AND AGREED DROP 1995 CHAPTER, ALTHOUGH NARRATIVE REFERENCE IN "SUMMARY" SECTION TO 1995 WOULD REMAIN. LANTZKE ALSO APPEARED AGREE DROP SECTION DESCRIBING IMPACT OF "ACCELERATED POLICY" CASE FROM 1990 CHAPTER.

3. LANTZKE SAID PUBLICATION DATE PROBLEM STILL WOULD HAVE BE DISCUSSED AT END-OCTOBER OECD HEADS OF DELEGATION MEETING (REFTEL) SINCE LTEA WAS AN OECD, NOT IEA PUBLICATION. HE SAID PROBLEM MIGHT ALSO BE DISCUSSED AT NOVEMBER CEP MEETING.

4. INITIAL REACTION OF OTHER KEY DELS HERE IS ONE OF SUPPORT FOR DELAY IN PUBLICATION DATE. WE HAVE STRESSED IN ALL OUR CONTACTS THAT OUR PREFERENCE FOR DELAY IN PUBLICATION IN NO WAY IMPLIES WE FEEL TEXT SHOULD BE "NEUTRALIZED" IN CONTENT, AS UK AND JAPANESE APPEAR TO PREFER.

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